

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on March 4, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 629, 3/2/2009
Executive Action: SB 41, SB 67, SJ 2, SJ 4, SJ 8,
HB 459

00:00:00 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:01 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 629, Revise distribution of certain school revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:26 Senator Robert Story, Jr., SD 30, Park City, Montana

00:09:29 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:13:00 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:14:40 Jim Standeart, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh48a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:40 Rep. Wagner

00:21:32 Rep. Glaser

00:23:23 Rep. Wagner

00:25:39 Rep. Glaser

00:28:16 Rep. Malek

00:28:44 Mr. Standeart

00:28:50 Rep. Malek

00:28:57 Mr. Standeart

00:29:30 Rep. Malek

00:29:42 Mr. Standeart

00:29:49 Rep. Malek

00:30:11 Mr. Standeart

00:31:29 Rep. Boniek

00:32:10 Mr. Standeart

00:34:05 Rep. Brown

00:34:48 Mr. Melton

00:35:38 Rep. Brown

00:36:30 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:29 Rep. Glaser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 459

00:47:48 Vice Chairman Rep. Hamilton

00:48:03 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 459 DO PASS.**

00:48:20 **Motion:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **HB 459 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh48a02)

00:49:21 Rep. Grinde

00:49:40 **Vote:** Motion on HB 459 amendment carried unanimously
by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:49:51 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 459 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh48a03)

00:50:48 Rep. Grinde

00:50:57 Rep. Malek

00:51:18 Rep. Brown

00:51:29 Rep. Beck

00:52:06 Mr. Gersovitz, LFD

00:52:38 **Vote:** Motion on HB 459 amendment carried unanimously
by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:53:18 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB459 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:53:26 Rep. Brown

00:54:14 Rep. Malek

00:54:36 Rep. Washburn

00:54:58 **Vote:** Motion HB 459 Do Pass as Amended passed 15-1
by voice vote with Rep. Boniek voting no. Rep. Wilmer
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41

00:55:50 Chairman Grinde

00:56:15 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SB 41 BE CONCURRED**
IN.

Discussion:

00:56:23 Rep. Malek

00:57:36 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

00:58:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 41 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 2

00:58:39 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SJ 2 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:58:54 Rep. Lake
00:59:42 Rep. Brown
01:00:25 Rep. Butcher
01:02:48 Rep. Hamilton
01:03:45 Rep. Lake
01:04:32 Rep. Malek

01:05:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 by voice vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Butcher, and Wagner voting no. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill on the floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4

01:06:17 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SJ 4 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:06:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved that **SJ 4 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 8

01:07:24 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SJ 8 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:07:35 Rep. Lake
01:08:31 Rep. Brown
01:09:49 Rep. Butcher
01:11:40 Rep. Wagner
01:13:33 Rep. Lake
01:15:34 Rep. Wilmer joined the committee.
01:15:44 Rep. Malek
01:17:14 Rep. Fleming
01:18:28 Rep. Hamilton
01:19:53 Rep. Brown
01:21:26 Rep. Bean
01:22:23 Rep. Butcher

01:24:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Butcher, Wagner and

Washburn voting no. Rep. Lake will carry the bill on the floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 67

01:25:57 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SB 67 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:26:11 Rep. Wagner

01:27:55 Rep. Brown

01:28:01 Rep. Wilmer left the room.

01:29:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner, and Washburn voting aye. Rep. Wilmer voted no by proxy.

00:29:25 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

01:30:44 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh48aad.pdf](#))